GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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REVIVAL OF NPCC
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of revival of National Project Construction Corporation (NPCC) Limited is hanging fire for a long time but salaries are being paid to workers;

(b) if so, since when are the employees without work and the amount paid towards their salaries; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to utilize the workforce elsewhere?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) NPCC Ltd. is a sick Public Sector Undertaking and has been incurring heavy losses since 1989 onwards due to high employment cost, surplus manpower, interest burden on loans, low recovery of outstanding dues from project authorities and insufficient generation of funds. Consequently, many units of Corporation have become non performing units. The Government is providing Non Plan Assistance to NPCC Limited for meeting the statutory liabilities for payment of salaries/wages of these non performing units. For this purpose, a total sum of about Rs. 95.84 crore has been released by the Government to NPCC Ltd. till date. Constant efforts are being made by the Management to improve the Order Book Position and gainfully employ the work force. Recently new projects have been taken up in the North East, Defence Sector and other parts of the country.